

Table 16. More examples of common medical terms and jargon and suggestions for alternate wording

Medical terms or jargon	Alternate wording
• Cardiologist	Heart doctor
• Catheterize	Put in a tube where your urine comes out
• Chemotherapy	Drugs to treat cancer
• Echocardiogram	Pictures of your heart
• Fractured femur	Broken hip/leg
• GI specialist	Stomach doctor
• Malignancy	Cancer
• Metastatic	Cancer has spread
• Noninvasive	Without surgery, needles, or cutting skin
• Pulmonary embolism	Blood clot in your lung
• Radiology	X-ray department
• Tap your knee	Put a needle in your knee to remove fluid